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SUBJ: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. FROM ANDREWS: PERNICK DOES NOT WANT THE ROMANIAN DESK JOB. ON BALANCE, I THINK THAT IS NOT A BAD OUTCOME SINCE HE REALLY HAD NO INTEREST IN IT AND WOULD HAVE TAKEN IT ONLY IF HE HAD GIVEN UP ON EVERYTHING ELSE. SIMPSON WANTS A WE JOB ABROAD AND HIS FALLBACK IS AFRICA. I DID NOT MENTION THE ROMANIAN DESK TO HIM, BUT ASKED CHARLIE MAGEE TO RAISE IT WITH HIM. AMBASSADOR AGGREY SAID HE WOULD BE FINE. SIMPSON WOULD LIKE GILMORE'S JOB IN MUNICH BUT HAS NO GERMAN - OTHERWISE HE WOULD BE OK FOR IT. TRY TO CHECK ON REAMS' CURRENT STATUS - MAYBE HE WON'T GET NE. SIMONS SUGGESTS WE TRY JOATHAN RICKERT BUT WE DON'T KNOW WHERE HE IS NOW OR WHAT HE IS DOING.

2. GARTHOFF RAISED FEEDBACK AND COMMUNICATIONS QUESTIONS, BELIEVING THAT WE ARE NOT AS RESPONSIVE AS WE SHOULD BE. UNFORTUNATELY, CABLES ON PAPAZOV'S VISIT ARRIVED AFTER ALL MY CALLS IN SOFIA AND AFTER LUNCH WITH AMERICAN DEPARTMENT, SO WE WERE NOT ABLE TO DRAW ON THEM AT ALL. JIM'S FIRST LETTER TO CHARLIE WAS MUCH WELCOMED, AND CHARLIE SAID HE WROTE BACK QUICKLY AND ENCOURAGINGLY BUT HAD NOT RECEIVED A SECOND LETTER. NOTHING HAS ARRIVED IN SOFIA THROUGH OUR CHANNELS ON THE FBO
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MEETING, PERHAPS BECAUSE FBO DOESN'T BELIEVE IT NECESSARY TO SEND WORD WHAT IT IS UP TO. I HAVE THEREFORE DESCRIBED TO GARTHOFF AND MAGEE THE WAY THE OFFICIAL-INFORMAL CHANNEL WORKS, AND THEY ARE ENTHUSIASTIC. THEY MAY INITIATE IT ANY DAY. ONCE A WEEK MAY BE ENOUGH, AND HOPEFULLY IT WILL WORK BETTER THAN LETTERS.

3. FROM YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR IN SOFIA, I HEARD THAT PAPAZOV WILL GIVE UP SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL PROGRESS JOB AND REMAIN CHAIRMAN OF BULGARIAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY. IS THIS HIS REWARD FOR TRIP TO U.S.?

4. EMBASSY SOFIA VERY MUCH LOOKS FORWARD TO YOUR AND JIM'S VISITS. I THINK JIM SHOULD SEND OUT WORD OF HIS TENTATIVE PLANS BY OPEN CHANNEL. THEY THINK THREE FULL WORKING DAYS SHOULD BE THE MINIMUM IN SOFIA.

5. MAJOR BULGARIAN DESIRES: VISIT TO U.S. BY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE KRUSTEV; VISIT TO U.S. (MAY TO JULY PERIOD) BY DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ISVETKOV FOR TALKS ON BILATERAL AND INTERNATIONAL ISSUES; AND CABINET-LEVEL VISIT TO BULGARIA. THEY ARE GAREEABLE TO SUB-CABINET LEVEL VISITS PRELIMINARY TO A CABINET-LEVEL VISIT. EMBASSY WILL REPORT IN DETAIL.

6. I HAVE RECEIVED AL BRAINARD'S MESSAGE FROM DANA. GIVE HER MY LOVE AND TELL HER ALL'S WELL AND JOINT APARTMENT LOOKS FINE.
AGGREY

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